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COUNTRY Austria (Soviet Zone)

REPORT

TOPIC Soviet Troops near Urfahr and in Mauer Oehling and Melk

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EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED

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soldiers received training on four mortars. About 130 soldiers who apparently were not engaged in any special occupation were seen in the installation somewhat later. Truck occupied by the driver and three soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets and truck were driven toward the installation. Truck entered the installation and truck came from the direction of the installation. The last two trucks were occupied by drivers and assistant drivers who wore black-bordered red epaulets. lay around two emplacements around the installation. Shortly after

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2. On 9 April, three canvas-covered armored vehicles whose barrels projected somewhat beyond their front side, one gun having pneumatic tires and a muzzle brake and six trucks were seen in the yard of the Landesheilanstalt in Mauer Oehling (O 49/W 26). Sentries and the few soldiers who left the installation wore black-bordered red epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. Truck , carrying eight soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, armed with submachine guns, left the installation toward Mauer Oehling. About 90 soldiers in groups of three fired at aiming silhouettes on the training field west of the Landesheilanstalt. Three trucks stood in the southwest corner of the installation area. A total of 26 heavy AA machine guns arranged in two rows were along the southwestern edge of the training area. Two soldiers were at each machine gun, apparently to receive training. **
3. On 6 April, the Birago Kaserne in Melk (O 49/W 68) was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Sentries and some soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. A total of 17 guns with pneumatic tires stood at the southwest corner of the barracks area. Contours of muzzle brakes were seen under the tarpaulins. About 22 two-axle trucks stood northwest adjoining the guns. The numbers could not be identified. About 65 soldiers were engaged in several sorts of athletic activities at the athletic field in the installation. No motor vehicle was noticed.

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**  Comment. The 26 heavy machine guns most probably are not special AA machine guns but ordinary infantry weapons on which training was conducted in AA defense. Truck  belongs to the series of the 290th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div in Mauer Oehling.

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